CPA Section on Substance Abuse/ Dependence

# The Chemical Independent



# WELCOME MESSAGE

#### Dear Colleagues:

It gives me both great personal and professional delight to welcome you all aboard our new CPA Section, Substance Abuse/Dependence. In doing so, I want to thank each and every one of you who supported me over the past year or so in finally bringing this to fruition.

Editor: Dr. David Teplin dr.teplin@rogers.com

Associate Editor: Carolyn Plater, B.A. (Hon.) As I am sure you are all aware, psychologists can and do play a major role in the area of Substance Use Disorders, whether by way of psycho-diagnostic consultation, management and/or treatment. This is especially true, given the recognition (finally!) by many in the field that in many ways, concurrent disorders, that is, the co-existence of a substance use disorder with a mental disorder, is the rule rather than the exception.

The primary goal of the Section on Substance Abuse/Dependence is to promote advances in scientific research, professional training, and clinical practice within the broad range of substance use including the problematic use of alcohol, illicit street drugs, prescription drugs, club/party drugs and nicotine.

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### Some peer-reviewed journals to consider.....

Drug & Alcohol Dependence Journal of Studies on Alcohol & Drugs Addictive Behaviors American Journal of Drug & Alcohol Abuse American Journal on Addictions Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment Psychology of Addictive Behaviors Harm Reduction Journal Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy Heroin Addiction and Related Clinical Problems

Substance Abuse European Addiction Research Journal of Substance Use Alcohol & Drug Review Journal of Dual Diagnosis Journal of Addictive Diseases Journal of Addiction Medicine Journal of Opioid Management Addiction Addiction Biology Page 2

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The Section aims to achieve these goals through the fostering and promoting of psychology and clinical practice in this field in Canada by promoting the roles of psychologists in the assessment and treatment of alcohol and drug related problems; improving the quality of psychological practice in the drug and alcohol field through establishing and promoting standards of clinical practice; promoting scientific research and psycho-education; promoting professional and public awareness of the roles that psychologists can play in both the assessment and treatment of alcohol and drug related problem; promoting the development of programs for the assessment and treatment of problems of alcohol and drug use among psychologists; and promoting discussion of important issues in the area of substance abuse/dependence.

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We don't see things as they are; we see things as we are"

# Dr. T's Book Club! Favourite Picks for 2007



### **Upcoming Conferences**

Issues of Substance 2007 - Canadian Centre on Substance Abuse (CCSA) November 25-28, 2007 Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Contact: <u>http://www.issuesofsubstance.ca/IOS/EN/</u>

Southeast Conference on Alcohol & Drug Addiction (SECAD 2007) November 28-30, 2007 Atlanta, Georgia Contact: <u>http://www.naatp.org/secad/</u>

American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry (AAAP) 18th Annual Meeting & Symposium November 29 – December 2, 2007 Coronado, California Contact: 401-524-3076 or http://www.aaap.org

34th Annual Advanced International Winter Symposium "Addictive Disorders and Behavioral Health"

January 29 – February 1, 200 Colorado Springs, Colorado Contact: <u>http://www.iabmcp.net</u>

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Over the coming months I will be tackling a number of administrative issues, including the establishment of Section By-Laws. Although each section is required to utilize a "template" of sorts, I would still gladly welcome any input from you in this regard, so that as a new section we can successfully resolve our "infant stage of development" (with the greatest of respect to Freud, Piaget, Klein, or Erikson!!).

It is my plan to publish The Chemical Independent 3 times during the calendar year. Again, please feel free to let me know if any of you are interested in being involved in this endeavour, too.

Dr. David Teplin, Section Chair

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